

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**CHIEF HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE**

**DOCKET NO. 2019-182-E ORDER NO. 2020-143-H**

**DECEMBER 23, 2020**

**CHIEF HEARING OFFICER: David Butler**

**DOCKET DESCRIPTION:**

**South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (H.3659) Proceeding Initiated Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-40-20(C): Generic Docket to (1) Investigate and Determine the Costs and Benefits of the Current Net Energy Metering Program and (2) Establish a Methodology for Calculating the Value of the Energy Produced by Customer-Generators (See Docket No. 2020-229-E)**

**MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

**Motion for Two Week Extension of Deadline for Proposed Orders**

**CHIEF HEARING OFFICER'S ACTION:**

**This matter comes before the Chief Hearing Officer for consideration of the request of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC") and Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP") for a two-week extension of the proposed order deadline in this Docket from January 7, 2021 to January 21, 2021.**

**The grounds for the request are based on the fact that the parties had expected a transcript of the hearing to be available prior to the proposed order deadline. At the conclusion of the hearings in this matter, the belief was that transcripts could be available, and therefore, proposed orders could be completed by January 7, 2021. However, for a variety of reasons, including the sheer amount of matters before the Commission, the transcript has not heretofore been available. Although, on information and belief, the transcript has now become available, the parties note that the January 7, 2020 deadline for proposed orders runs counter to the intent of the parties stated at the conclusion of the hearing that a longer period would be available for drafting of proposed orders after availability of the transcript, due to the complex nature of the issues in the Docket.**

**It is duly noted that the Motion for Extension is supported by the Office of Regulatory Staff and a number of the Intervenors in the case.**

**Accordingly, the Motion for Extension of the deadline for proposed orders in this Docket is hereby granted. The parties' deadline for said proposed orders is now January 21, 2021. Clearly, the extension is warranted due to the delayed availability of the transcript in this complex matter, and the need for additional time to draft the proposed orders. This concludes the Order of the Chief Hearing Examiner.**